

House Resolution 212

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Mangham of the 94th, Mitchell of the 88th, Henson of the 87th, Watson of the 91st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of Tom Scott and dedicating the Tom Scott Interchange; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Tom Scott has long been recognized by the citizens of DeKalb County for the
4 vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he faithfully represented the citizens of District 43 with utmost dedication and
7 ability as a member of the Senate for 8 years during which time he authored SB 372, the Act
8 which made Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a state holiday; and

9 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
11 dramatically by his 14 years of superlative service as tax commissioner of DeKalb County;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in his capacity as tax commissioner, he was the epitome of forward thinking and
14 modernization as he reshaped DeKalb's tax office into the most computerized and
15 technologically advanced tax collection agency in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex
17 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build
18 coalitions and consensus and to function as the glue holding DeKalb County together in the
19 face of divisive forces has received the approval and applause of his peers who held him in
20 such high regard; and

21 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
22 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
23 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

1 WHEREAS, he was the loving husband of his beloved wife Jacqui for 37 years and the
2 devoted father of his children John Thomas, Christopher, and Susannah, and grandfather of
3 his granddaughter, Parker; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with a reputation for integrity,
5 intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that an interchange
6 should be named in his honor.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor Tom Scott for his many years of dedicated
9 service.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange located at the intersection of Memorial
11 Drive and I-285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Tom Scott Interchange.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
13 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Tom Scott Interchange.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Tom Scott and
16 to the Department of Transportation.